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FORMER TEMPE RESIDENT FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

PHOENIX -- Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Lester D. Martz, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that on April 28, 2005, Scott Emanuel Segal, 43, of Worcester, Mass. (formerly of Tempe, Ariz.) was found guilty here by a federal jury of Felon in Possession of Firearms and Ammunition and Felon in Possession of Explosive Materials. The case was tried before U.S. District Court Judge Susan R. Bolton from April 19 to 28, 2005.

On July 12, 1993, Segal was convicted in federal court of Possession of an Unregistered Silencer Bearing No Serial Number. After completing two years probation for that offense, Segal illegally possessed a large quantity of firearms, ammunition and explosive materials in Tempe, Ariz. Segal later moved to Worcester, Mass. and took the weaponry with him.

In May of 2002, ATF agents went to Segal's Massachusetts residence to inquire about a gun kit he had recently purchased. Segal turned the kit over to the agents but did not allow them to enter his home. Shortly thereafter, Segal shipped his weaponry to a self storage facility in Queen Creek, Ariz. On January 16, 2003, during the course of a consent search, ATF agents seized 110 firearms including modern semi-automatic assault weapons and handguns, over 34,000 rounds of ammunition and 16 items containing explosive materials.

Segal had been charged with violating Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 922(g)(1) Felon in Possession of Firearms and Ammunition and Section 842(i)(1) Felon in Possession of Explosive Materials. A conviction for each offense carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is set before Judge Bolton on Monday, August 1, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. Segal will not be in federal custody pending sentencing.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by ATF, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Worcester Police Department, Worcester County Sheriff's Department and the Massachusetts State Police. The prosecution is being handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona.

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